

Farmington News

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Barbara & Frank Frodsham
Compassion & Generosity

A SEASON OF GIVING

"Neighbor to Neighbor Response"

Dear Residents,

United Way of Utah has made city officials aware of the growing need to resupply service agencies such as the Family Connection in Layton and the Davis County Food Banks with sufficient commodities and cash to meet emergency needs of the poor amongst us. Because of recent unprecedented demands for help, these service agencies are having a difficult time providing assistance.

As Mayor of Farmington, I am asking every family who is in a position to help to join together in collecting desperately needed commodities or cash that will be forwarded to service agencies for distribution. This request is part of the "Neighbor to Neighbor Response" program sponsored by the United Way of Salt Lake, Summit, Tooele, and Davis Counties. The primary focus is directed towards collecting the following:

- Canned Food / foods high in protein, i.e. tuna fish, peanut butter, beans, fruit, vegetables and soup
- Toilet paper
- Baby items / diapers, wet wipes, formula, baby food
- Blankets / new and gently used
- Clothing / new socks and new underwear for children and adults

If you wish to participate by donating any non-cash items, you may drop them off at the City Hall (130 North Main) or the Public Works/Parks & Recreation building (720 West 100 North). Other church and non-profit organizations within the city will also likely be participating. Please check the city's website at www.farmington.utah.gov to find the closest drop-off location to you. Deductible cash contributions will be accepted at any Wells Fargo or Zions Bank.

It is my hope that Farmington residents will forego the tradition of neighborhood gift giving and redirect those resources to the "Neighbor to Neighbor Response" program. Best wishes for a very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Scott C. Harbertson
Mayor



CONGRATULATIONS!

Farmington Police Officer
Brett Winkelman was named
Utah's DARE Officer of the Year



WOODLAND PARK

Renovations to Woodland Park are complete. Park visitors will immediately appreciate the new entry road winding past a new bowery and into a new parking area. Other improvements include restrooms, a water fountain and an informal play field.



Residents with design expertise are invited to submit letters of interest as volunteers for a small advisory committee. City officials are preparing to make a site selection for the new City Hall, approved in the recent bond election. In an effort to enhance this process, the Mayor and City Council desire to create a synergy as committee members contribute a diverse range of ideas to the decision-making process. If you have both relevant experience and a desire to promote excellence in your hometown, please send your resume to:

Mayor Scott C. Harbertson
PO Box 160
Farmington, UT 84025



Mounded snow, garbage cans and parked vehicles hinder postal workers from bringing mail to your home. During the snowy season, please keep access to your mailbox open for mail delivery.

2009 SEASON PARK & POOL RESERVATIONS *beginning January 5*

Reservations for the 2009 park and pool season begin on Monday, January 5 for Farmington residents and Monday, January 12 for non-residents. All reservations must be made in person at the Parks and Recreation Office (720 West 100 North). No phone reservations will be accepted.

MONDAY – THURSDAY PARK RESERVATION FEES

Resident \$50.00 Deposit / \$25.00 User Fee
Non-resident \$50.00 Deposit / \$50.00 User Fee

FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY PARK RESERVATION FEES

Resident \$50.00 Deposit
\$25.00 user fee for first 4 hours / \$5.00 each additional hour
Non-Resident \$50.00 Deposit
\$50.00 user fee for first 4 hours / \$10.00 each additional hour

SWIMMING POOL RESERVATION FEES

Monday - Saturday from 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm
A partial payment of \$150.00 is required to hold the pool and will be put toward the final fee.
Resident \$300.00
Non-resident \$400.00

CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP

Saturday, January 10

Trees should be at the curb by 6:00 am

Trees over 6 feet tall must be cut in half

Uncover trees if buried in the snow

Crews will only make one pass through the city, so please be ready

PLEASE REMEMBER

Farmington City Ordinance states that from November 15 until the last day of February, no vehicle of any kind may be parked in the street right of way between 1:00 am and 7:00 am. Traffic citations will be issued to violators.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

December 2008



Dec 1	MON	Farmington Swimming Pool <i>2009 Season Passes Sale Begins Today</i>	P & R Department 720 W 100 N 451-0953
Dec 2	TUES	City Council Meeting 130 North Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
Dec 3	WED	Town Hall Meeting <i>an open forum discussion with Mayor Harbertson and a City Council Member</i>	7:00 pm no agenda open discussion
Dec 4	THURS	Planning Commission Meeting 130 North Main Street	7:00 pm
Dec 8	MON	Family Christmas Carol Sing-along Community Arts Center	7:00 pm
Dec 9	TUES	City Council Meeting 130 North Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
Dec 10	WED	Town Hall Meeting <i>an open forum discussion with Mayor Harbertson and a City Council Member</i>	7:00 pm no agenda open discussion
Dec 25	THURS	Merry Christmas! City Offices Closed	
Dec 26	FRI	Christmas Holiday City Offices Closed	
Jan 1	THURS	Happy New Year! City Offices Closed	
Jan 2	FRI	New Year's Holiday City Offices Closed	
Jan 6	TUES	City Council Meeting 130 North Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
Jan 6	TUES	2009 Youth City Council Application Due Today <i>applications available at City Hall, P&R or online</i>	

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City Phone Numbers

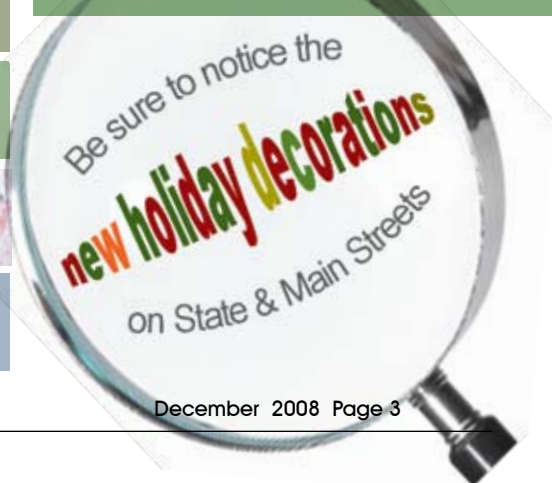
Main Number.....451-2383
City Manager.....939-9203
Police Department.....451-5453
Fire Department.....451-2842
Public Works Department..451-2624
Storm Water Maintenance.451-2624
Parks & Recreation.....451-0953
Building Inspection.....451-2383
Water Department.....451-2624
Planning & Zoning.....451-2383
Historical Museum.....451-4850
Animal Control.....444-2200
Garbage.....825-3800
Benchland Water District...482-4929
Weber Water District.....771-1677

After Hours Emergency

Davis County Sheriff.....451-4150
Emergency.....911

Farmington City Hall

130 North Main
P O Box 160
Farmington, Utah 84025



PARKS & RECREATION

Parks & Recreation 720 West 100 North 451-0953

FAMILY CHRISTMAS CAROL SING-ALONG

Join the community in singing your favorite Christmas carols. Local families and singing groups will perform. Free hot chocolate and donuts and a special visitor for the kids! Tickets are free (necessary to reserve a seat) with the donation of canned food.

Monday, December 8 at 7:00 pm
Community Arts Center

RUTH GATRELL SINGERS' CHRISTMAS CONCERT

December 13 at 7:00 pm
Community Arts Center
Free Admission

"SEUSSICAL JR" YOUTH THEATRE

Auditions for the next youth theatre production will be held on January 8 from 6:00-8:00 pm and January 10 from 9:00-11:00 am at the Community Arts Center. A participation fee of \$15 (resident), \$25 (non-resident), and a refundable \$75 volunteer deposit are due at the time of audition. Ages 8-18 are invited to audition.

BALLROOM DANCE CLASS

Bring your sweetheart or favorite dance partner for a fun evening of ballroom, swing, and Latin dancing. January 9 & 23, February 13 & 27, March 6 & 20, and April 3 & 17 7:30-10:00 pm
Community Arts Center

CITY POOL SEASON PASS

A great Christmas gift!
Passes go on sale December 1. Season pass early bird special goes on sale May 15. Early bird season pass \$125 for residents (includes up to 5 people, \$10/ person additional people)

"ONCE UPON A TIME..." 5TH ANNUAL STORYTELLING FESTIVAL

January 24 from 1:00-3:00 pm
Community Arts Center
Come in from the cold and listen to local and professional storytellers. Dress up as your favorite story-book character. Refreshments and make-n-take book provided. There is a small fee for children. If you would like to donate, help, or participate please contact Stephanie at 628-9918 or spaget@farmington.utah.gov

SPRING DINNER THEATRE AUDITIONS

February 5 for ages 18 and older. Watch the website for more information.

MISS FARMINGTON ORIENTATION coming up the first week of February. Announcements will be made in future newsletters and the website

MEN'S BASKETBALL COMP LEAGUE

Registration: December 1-5
Team registration only
Cost: \$350

FARMINGTON FLASH SOCCER

Signups begin January 12

BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Signups begin in February

BOYS' JR. HIGH COMP BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Signups begin in February

FARMINGTON CITY IS LOOKING FOR:

Jr. Jazz Referees
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Directors
Producers
Event Coordinators

MISS FARMINGTON PAGEANT is looking for a director-elect to take over next year's pageant. For more info contact Sueann Phillips 447-8458

Join the **ARTS & RECREATION EMAIL** lists to get updates on Parks & Recreation events!

Shortly before Christmas in 1991, Barbara Frodsham's friend phoned with a surprising request: "Could we go down to the viaduct and get some homeless people, and could you put up your teepee, and could we have some stew and just do something Christmas Eve?" A couple of crock pots of soup, a gallon or two of hot chocolate, maybe a fire outside the Frodsham's barn—it wouldn't take much to spread the holiday spirit. Barbara loved the idea.

So began Barbara and Frank Frodsham's annual Christmas dinner for homeless families and those living in poverty. Attendance has grown dramatically since the initial gathering, when 37 people huddled inside the Frodsham teepee to draw on the strength of the season and share a good meal. As the Frodshams prepare for their eighteenth celebration, which is slated for December 20, they rely on the help of literally hundreds of volunteers. What began as a simple dinner has evolved into an extraordinary event. No one in need leaves without a coat and one of the hundreds of hand-knit hats and scarves that decorate the many Christmas trees. Children enjoy horse-drawn sleigh rides, and families snug together on bales of straw that encircle miniature bonfires.

"Last year we had 650 we helped, and probably that many volunteers," Barbara recalls. "We have Mr. and Mrs. Santa, and it's just wonderful."

"You know, some kids have never seen an open fire, never roasted a marshmallow," Frank explains. "And so we get the straw and put it in circles. I have fire pits that are portable, about four of them. We set them out, and scout troops help us with it. The kids roast marshmallows and toast weenies. Kids get [the feel] of smoke in their face. They have a belly full and a bag full of goodies."

That's something the Frodshams have learned over the past 18 years: homelessness doesn't just mean single adults. It means families and children as well. In 2007, homeless families constituted approximately 34% of America's homeless population, according to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Annual Homeless Assessment Report to Congress. Poverty is one of the leading causes of homelessness, and the Children's Defense Fund reports that in Utah, a child is born into poverty every two hours. Should these children end up on the streets, they'll be much more likely to suffer from serious physical, emotional, and developmental challenges than their peers who have a stable residence.

The Frodshams know they can't change the world. But they've also seen the way service brings people together. From Eagle Scouts manning firepits to elementary students knitting scarves to the Davis Drummers entertaining guests to the seemingly countless

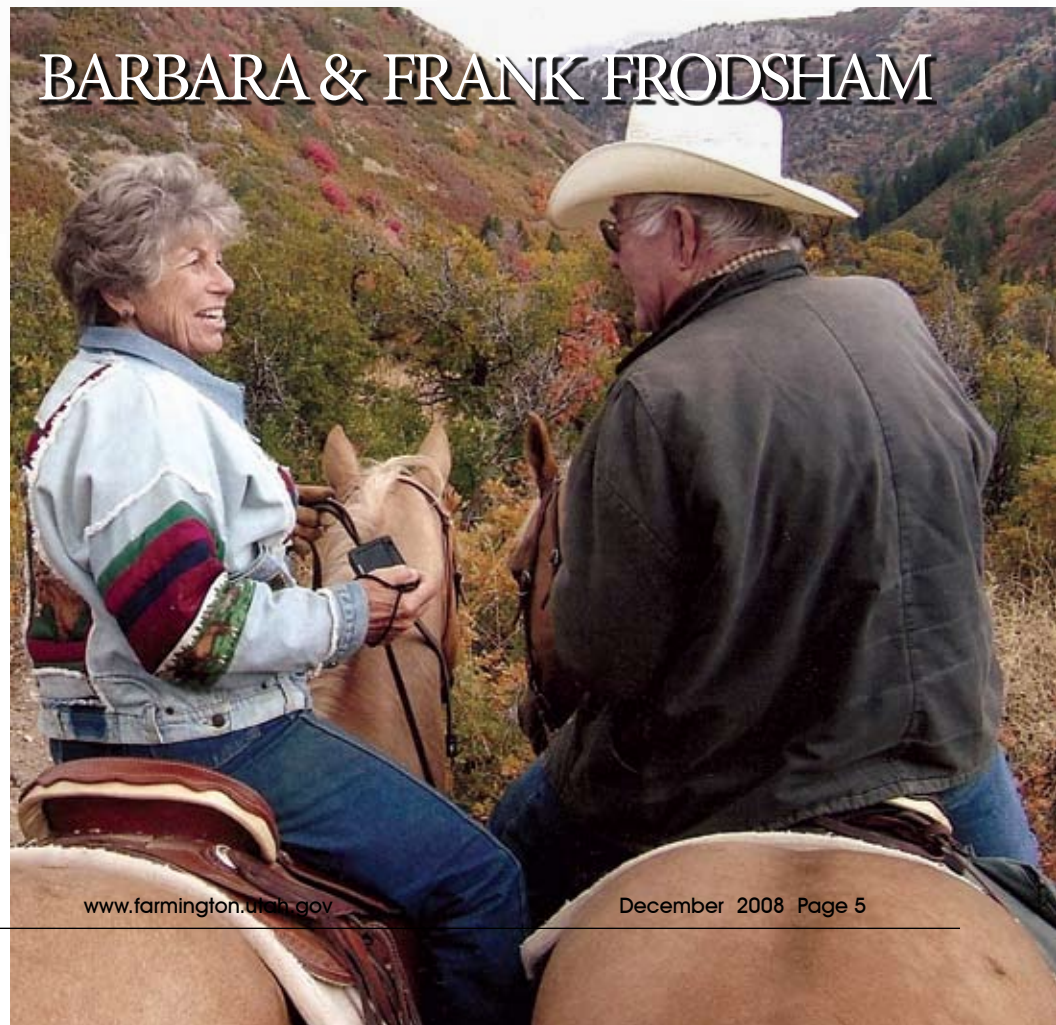
neighbors offering pots of hot chili, it is the people of Farmington who make possible the Frodsham's annual Christmas celebration with the homeless.

"You know people just love it. One of the very first years, we didn't have any gifts. And the next year some of the families from a [local church] came. We used to have it on Christmas Eve for about the first three years. And [one] family went home and got all their gifts from under their tree and brought [them]," Barbara reflects.

The result of this outpouring of love? For one evening every December, bright with the flicker of firelight, are faces, hundreds of them. And they're smiling.

Thank you to Barbara and Frank Frodsham, for your compassion and deep generosity! You bring real Christmas alive in Farmington, and the community is better for your effort!

BARBARA & FRANK FRODSHAM



YOUTH CITY COUNCIL

Applications for Youth City Council will be available at City Hall, the Parks & Recreation office, or online and are due January 6, 2009, by 5:00 pm. FYCC applicants must currently be in 9th-11th grades and residents of Farmington. It is a great opportunity to serve the community and get to know other kids from Farmington. For more information, please contact Parks & Recreation. 451-0953

WANTED

YOUTH CITY COUNCIL

Volunteer Advisor

for more information
contact council member
Paula Alder
paula@alderfam.com
801.451.0408

18th Annual Frodsham Community Party December 20th

The community is invited to help homeless families and those living in poverty at the annual Frodsham Community Party. Donations of wrapped gifts, clothing and toys, crock-pots of chili or stew are needed. Volunteers are also welcomed. For more info, call Barbara Frodsham 451-0608.

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